FAX NO. 5435420 APR - 1 2004

PTO/SB/30 (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008, OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Request

Request Request Application Number 09/691,650 For Continued Examination (RCE) Filing Date October 17, 2000 Transmittal First Named Inventor Mike Krivoruchko Address to: Mail Stop RCE Art Unit 3738 Commissioner for Patents Examiner Name P.O. Box 1450 William Matthews Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 P840 US Attorney Docket Number This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2 Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be a. | X | considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on Other Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on February 19, 2004 Enclosed Amendment/Reply Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iii. Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s) Other Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. Fees The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2525 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) Other Check in the amount of \$____ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card Information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Name (Print/Type) Janis J. Biksa Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Signaturo CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Palents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Palent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Name (Print/Type) Christine I.: Aceves

Signoture

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public Which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the fractionack Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND 10: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.